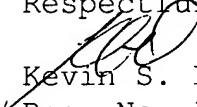


**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated March 8, 2007 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner requires restriction between the invention of Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a hitch mounting assembly, and Group II, claim 8, drawn to a method of attaching. Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-7.

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